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By \_\_\_\_\_

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## Description:

Letter from John P. Elia  
to SA [redacted] dated  
9/20/83

Given to  
AUSA

10/13/83

44C-2178-1A(1) mwm

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JOHN. WAHL

9/2/83 1635 hr

SUTTER MANOR HOTEL S.F.

on Room 616

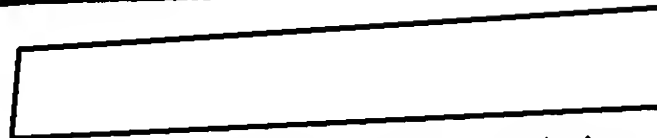
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only going to be here another month

not reaching or not reaching  
for credibility

garolou fellow

Problem



was an ally of  
on site at the time

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Get rap sheet  
302 interview

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telephone call from  
John Elia

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9/6/83  
mum

John E/IA

3:00

1<sup>16</sup>

9/6/83 mum checked

Fed jurisdiction - worked for

Notes from

good friend

phone conversation

Sounds drunk

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Read this morning  
re:

[redacted]

= phones

personal friend

Not a liar

Can prove everything

I am Dressed like a bum

68 years old

worked for judges - East Coast

had to wear a white tie - Now I can be  
just me

I'll be there - know building well

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*original notes from  
interview of John Elia*

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9/6 John Elia

Start 3:11

Before March, (Feb., 1978, in the papers a comment made by White expressed

- J o e i f r . b c o moscone

2 o c w DW - o c w P - o e x o 2 R

- City Hall e ( R P P P

- o / - ) c o b o o E P Dan White  
o e / P <sup>disg.</sup> o his office small

10<sup>00</sup> ish went to see DW in <sup>March</sup> Feb. A man named A [ ] was in receipt. White came out  
mod

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That damn fog

See Johnnie The recall correct he don  
but o promise a one way  
or another <sup>by the end of the year</sup> I am going to get  
rid of 3 bastards - [ ] milk mos.

I know n P o Jews - why mos? (3)  
o i - b o c o garp.

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Long rambling re [ ] e meeting Moscone

etc.  
Told <sup>what</sup> Dan White told [ ] inter me to [ ]

Aug. 1978 - 7/2 [ ] Curran Theater on Geary St.  
- h - r s

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Meet Gnoscone Jr - front of City Hall -  
he was I. O. picture taken - yes  
"We got to be friends all  
the time"

Weekend of Nov. 27  
Heard on street saw White gone mod - I  
Could not sleep  
I hang out at Supreme Court building  
I O C<sub>2</sub> hang out  
3 Bailiffs: [redacted]

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[redacted] (ph)  
O got up from chair & went out window,  
City Hall - Mayor's car parked there  
\$9:15 AM [redacted] (cop on beat at CH)  
Told [redacted] He should watch for DW - search  
him carefully

Went to Mayor's Office - (people w/ hats on)  
Saying "Dan White for [redacted]"

Bus

[redacted] back to CH - saw [redacted] = cameras  
made [redacted]

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Hollered what kind of security we  
got here

[redacted] for  
SF 33 Market St. - we talked & he sent  
an investigator - I gave a statement

77  
(4/3)

o/w testify in trial

o/w [redacted] = very well

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I know [redacted] personally

Reminded about voting

4:15

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Description:

*Original signed statement  
by John Elia*

*44C-2178-1A(4)*

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September 6, 1983

San Francisco, California

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Mr. J. John P. Elia, furnish the following  
voluntary statement to Special Agent [redacted]

[redacted] and [redacted] who have  
identified themselves to me as Special Agents  
of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

No threats, promises or duress have been  
made to get me to make this statement.

I have been advised that it may be used  
in a court of law concerning a possible  
Civil Rights Violation.

Before March, 1978, maybe in February,  
1978, I read in the papers a comment made  
by Dan White and I was impressed. At this  
time I was interested in a recall of Mayor  
Moscone and Harvey Milk. Therefore I wrote  
to Dan White and praised him for his comment  
and that he appeared to be an out-and-out  
law and order man.

Dan White wrote back to me and  
stated "whenever you are in City Hall I will  
be glad to talk to you".

I no longer have this letter because  
I was disgusted at the small little room he  
spoke to me in; he did not have the courtesy  
to interview me in his office and talked like  
a crazy man, I walked out and had no  
interest in keeping the letter. JPE

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8<sup>th</sup> In March, 1978, about ten o'clock one morning, I went to see Dan White at Room 225, City Hall, <sup>SAN FRANCISCO, CA</sup> which is the supervisor's Clerk's Office. A young man named [redacted] was in the office. Dan White came out and said, "Mr. Elia?" The boy name [redacted] stood up and followed Supervisor White. In a few seconds White came back, almost chasing the boy out; White was very angry and stated, "That damn fag".

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I told Mr. White about the manager of Dahl (ph) Shoe <sup>St</sup> Store; he is interested, as I am, in recalling Supervisor Milk and Mayor Moscone out of office.

Mr. White said, "Gee, Johnnie, the recall cannot be done, but I promise by the end of the year, one way or another, I am going to get rid of three bastards --- [redacted] Milk, and Moscone".

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I said to White that I know you don't like Jews, but why an Italian? Milk said it was because Moscone is leaning towards gay.

I was so disgusted by this conversation I got up and left.

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I met [redacted] about a month 8<sup>th</sup>

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He later and she said I should meet her father before I say anything bad about her.

During the summer of 1978, Mayor Moscone was at the Curren Theater, Mary Street, San Francisco, <sup>SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE</sup> representing the opening of the show, "Hello, Dolly". When I had a chance to say something to the Mayor, I found him to be a real gentleman, with a smile always on his face. I also asked about his daughter's health because I had discovered she had a very serious sickness. George introduced me to [redacted] the singer of "Hello, Dolly".

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Soon after this first meeting I met the Mayor at the steps of City Hall. He was being photographed. I asked him to pose for me <sup>with me</sup> so I could send the picture to my family and [redacted] of Jersey City, who is a friend of mine. We all got to be friends during these two visits.

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During the weekend of November 24-25 I learned from different sources <sup>from</sup> of people on Polk Street, Grace Street, Van Ness Avenue (I travel a lot) I heard that Dan White had gone mad. I could not sleep that Sunday night, November 26<sup>th</sup> etc.

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<sup>gfu</sup> I hang out at The Supreme Court Building,  
350 N<sup>th</sup> Allester, <sup>Room</sup> 4050, The Bailiff's Office.

I told Bailiffs [redacted]  
and [redacted] (ph) that I have a feeling  
something's going to happen to Moscone.  
They said what are you, psycho.

I got up from the chair and went and  
looked out the window. I could see City Hall  
and that the Mayor's car was parked out front.  
I went over to a policeman named [redacted]  
who is the cop on beat at City Hall. I told  
[redacted] plus three other police officers, that  
he should watch for Dan White and search  
him very carefully. All laughed at my  
statement, saying, "Dan was a good cop  
and he's not going to harm anyone".

I walked up to Room 200, City Hall,  
the outer office of the Mayor's Office. There  
were lots of people there with straw hats  
that said, "Dan White for Supervisor". I  
thought there were enough people there that  
the Mayor was safe, so I left.

I went to the bus stop, heard sirens  
and saw police cars & fire trucks (The Fire  
Chief [redacted] is a good friend) and  
I ran back to City Hall. Mr

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A guard told me of the shooting. Then [redacted] and [redacted] held a press conference. I yelled "What kind of security have we got here?"

The next day, I <sup>SAW</sup> went to Robert (Bob) McCarthy, Assistant District Attorney for San Francisco, and told him everything.

He had an investigator interview me. I do not recall signing a statement. I was not asked to testify during White's murder trial. Bob and I have been friends for years and I met him on November 28, 1983, at City Hall.

~~I know Joe Pisonello's family very well, but I don't like him. I don't like~~  
~~it~~

John P. Elia  
Sept 6 1983

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I have read the above statement consisting of this and four other pages. I understand the statement entirely and have signed it after initialing it on each page because it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. JTE.



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# RUN INDICES

9/6/83



re: Dan White

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- 50 page briefing for D.C.

- Joe Rosonelli's event to J. R. C. =

① Thing:

John Wall atty for J<sup>n</sup> <sup>Moscow</sup> = has been  
jacking it up to Department

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Decision about to be made - like to release by 12<sup>th</sup>

Reason: gone end of Sept.

Lead

Mr. Wall tells us about 1616 Room

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→ John P. Elia - story about J. Cox. w/  
White 3/78 A. P. J. P. & M.

Wilk - A. P. J. P. & M.

o Case P. J. P. & M.

Elia

Specifics

Possibly

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MEMORANDUM  
OF CALL

Previous editions usable

TO:

☒ YOU WERE CALLED BY- ☐ YOU WERE VISITED BY-

OF (Organization)

☒ PLEASE PHONE ☐ FTS ☐ AUTOVON

☐ WILL CALL AGAIN ☐ IS WAITING TO SEE YOU  
☐ RETURNED YOUR CALL ☐ WISHES AN APPOINTMENT

MESSAGE

After 3:30pm

RECEIVED BY,

RS

DATE

9-6

TIME

9:40

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Original notes from  
John Elia of  
physical description

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Name John Patrick Elia

dob 3/13/15

Pob Manhattan

SSAN 054-03-5735

hgt 5'5

wgt 190

hair bald - grey (shaved head)

eyes: brown

CDL: ID card N2370671

Education: 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Military: Army 1941-1941

2/21/41 inducted

11/17/41 - discharged for encephalitis  
(brain damage)

Marital: ~~Divorced~~ Separated

Current: 860 Sutter Street Room 616 ~~Sutter Manor~~  
Room 616  
San Francisco

Telep 772-1532

Mailing: PO Box 904

<sup>Bernadino</sup>  
~~Ann Bernadino~~ Calif 92402

Employment: Retired - worked <sup>various</sup> for attorney's as  
a body guard, plus many  
other occupations

No treatment for drugs or alcohol

Mental illness treatment - after Army released on a section 8;

Kings Park State Hospital - 1942 for  
30 days; committed by mother.

Arrest: No time served except in 1933 in Brooklyn

Stole Model T-Ford; Last-1979-SFPD - "selling heroin"

Judge ☐ personal friend 40 R.D. (gave out sleeping pills)

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OF \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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37, DOB [REDACTED]

DOB [REDACTED]

On

Road

5:PM - 1AM Monday through  
Friday

11-22-70. Hired on  
Patrolman

July or August 1978,  
I then phoned [REDACTED]

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Can't recall purpose of the call.  
Asked her "How would she like  
[REDACTED] for Mayor?"

Can't recall her reaction -  
Vaguely recall something about  
Christmas of  
Police Department report  
Central Police Dept.  
Did not relate to her that some  
one was going to assassinate the Mayor.  
Shoulder Injury -

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Criminology class 1968 City College  
Prior to 7d.

1. No specific information regarding  
a specific individual or group to  
Bill Jane -

2. Jackson talk, street talk,  
meeting people, no names, no  
places,  
on going protection - Nixon team  
merchants, police,

General populace -

It just came out by accident,  
just spoke, unless you call me  
a police.

Chuck Don White flipped out  
systematically.

[redacted] has been pressuring me for  
some time to make statements.

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